

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House and Senate met for the Inauguration of President Barack Hussein Obama and Vice President Joseph Robinette Biden, Jr.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S661–71

Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 12 noon, on Wednesday, January 21, 2009, Senate consider the nomination of Hillary Clinton, to be Secretary of State, and that there be 3 hours of debate, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees, and that Senate then vote on confirmation of the nomination.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Arne Duncan, of Illinois, to be Secretary of Education.

Janet Ann Napolitano, of Arizona, to be Secretary of Homeland Security.

Peter R. Orszag, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Steven Chu, of California, to be Secretary of Energy.

Thomas J. Vilsack, of Iowa, to be Secretary of Agriculture.

Kenneth Lee Salazar, of Colorado, to be Secretary of the Interior.

Eric K. Shinseki, of Hawaii, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Hillary Rodham Clinton, of New York, to be Secretary of State.

Dennis Cutler Blair, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of National Intelligence.

Steven Chu, of California, to be Secretary of Energy.

Michele A. Flournoy, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

Thomas Andrew Daschle, of South Dakota, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Gary Gensler, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring April 13, 2012.

Shaun L. S. Donovan, of New York, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Gary Gensler, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

Arne Duncan, of Illinois, to be Secretary of Education.

Austan Dean Goolsbee, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

Timothy F. Geithner, of New York, to be Secretary of the Treasury.

Robert F. Hale, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller).

Eric H. Holder, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Attorney General.

John P. Holdren, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Lisa Perez Jackson, of New Jersey, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Jeh Charles Johnson, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Defense.

Ronald Kirk, of Texas, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

Jacob J. Lew, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources.

Ray LaHood, of Illinois, to be Secretary of Transportation.

Jane Lubchenco, of Oregon, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

Janet Ann Napolitano, of Arizona, to be Secretary of Homeland Security.

William J. Lynn, III, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense.

Peter R. Orszag, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Robert L. Nabors II, of New Jersey, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Susan E. Rice, of the District of Columbia, to be the Representative of the United States of America